

Cabinet

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DSCP Annual Report 2019-2020



Report of Corporate Management Team

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Purpose of Report

- 1 To provide Cabinet with oversight of the DSCP Annual Report 2020.

Executive Summary

- 2 Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, and the Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership (DSCP) Arrangements places a duty on the DSCP to present a published Annual Report.
- 3 The report describes the local governance arrangements and structure of the DSCP. It also provides information on the Safeguarding Arrangements that were introduced in 2018/19 through the Children and Social Work Act 2017.
- 4 The business of the Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership is carried out by DSCP Safeguarding Executive Group and the relevant partner agencies.
- 5 The Safeguarding Executive Group contains members from the 3 statutory partners, namely County Durham CCG's; Durham Constabulary; Durham County Council (Children and Young People's Services). These partners share the responsibility for the effective safeguarding provision in the area. They are also charged with supporting and enabling relevant agencies locally in this endeavour.

- 6 The Safeguarding Executive Group consists of an independent Chair/Scrutineer; the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services; Detective Superintendent (Head of Safeguarding), Durham Constabulary; Director of Nursing, County Durham CCG's; and the respective chairs of the partnership sub-groups – Embedding Learning, Performance and Impact, and the Child Death Overview Panel. The group is supported by the DSCP Business Unit Manager.
- 7 The DSCP has committed that the Annual Report will:
- (a) set out what has been done and outline the effectiveness of the partnership in practice;
 - (b) outline actions relating to local child safeguarding practice reviews and what the Safeguarding Partnership has done as a result;
 - (c) present evidence of the impact of the work of the Safeguarding Partners and relevant agencies on outcomes for children and families;
 - (d) include a record of actions taken by the Safeguarding Partnership during the reporting period (or planned to be taken) to implement the recommendations of any reviews;
 - (e) highlight ways in which the Safeguarding Partnership has sought and utilised feedback from children, young people and families to inform its work and influence service provision;
 - (f) include the evidence collated through independent scrutiny;
 - (g) provide evidence from the assurance reporting from the relevant agencies and the structure supporting the partnership.

Recommendation

- 8 Cabinet is recommended to note the content of the Annual Report Summary and to endorse the main DSCP Annual Report.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

None.

Finance

Yearly financial contributions to Durham SCP are received from partner agencies and are detailed in the DSCP Annual Report.

Consultation

Across all relevant partners.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

The DSCP Annual Report identifies the actions to safeguard the needs of vulnerable children and young people.

Climate Change

Not applicable.

Human Rights

Not applicable.

Crime and Disorder

The DSCP Annual Report reflects priorities and action that impact positively on crime and disorder in County Durham. The report shows effective partnership working with the Safe Durham Partnership

Staffing

The priorities identified in the DSCP Annual Report will be delivered using existing resources. Durham County Council will contribute to the delivery of the priorities in partnership with other responsible authorities.

Accommodation

Not applicable.

Risk

No adverse implications.

Procurement

No adverse implications.